of access and use of Archives". He was also unanimously elected as one of the two Vice-Presidents of the International Council on Archives. This is the first time that any Archivist from the Third World has been elected as Vice-President of the Council.

On the invitation of the Government of Saudi Arabia Shri S.A.I.Tirmizi, Deputy Director of Archives visited Saudi Arabia to advice the Government of Saudi Arabia in planning their archival infra-structure. He had had a detailed discussion with the Minister for Higher Education, Government of Saudi Arabia and on his return submitted a comprehensive report which has since been forwarded by the Government of India to the Government of Saudi Arabia. In October, 1976 he was deputed by the Government of India to London for identification of such records as constitute gaps in the series of the National Archives of India but are available in the India Office Library and Records. He completed this stupendous task in a short period of one month and on his way back visited Archives Nationale at Paris and held discussions with Archivists and Sigillographists. On his return he submitted a detailed report.

Shri R.C.Gupta, Deputy Director of Archives visited Kabul for ten days to assist the Afghan Government in setting up their Reprographical Unit.

ADVISORY WORK

Shri M.L. Ahluwalia, Assistant Director of Archives, and two other officers visited Bombay for finalizing the Record Retention Schedule of the records of the Tariff Commission. He also visited Bharatpur in connection with the reported disposal of the records of the Bharatpur State as also Lok Sabha Secretariat and Patiala to study there the problem of

proper maintenance of their records. He also inspected the records of the Commissioner of Income Tax and advised them in their Record Management Programme.

Shri S.P. Sharma, Assistant Director of Archives attended the meeting of the Rajasthan Regional Records Survey Committee held at Jaipur.

Miss E.David, Assistant Director of Archives visited Imphal to advise the Manipur Government for setting up State Archives there.

Dr. T.R.Sareen, Archivist visited Simla for inspection of the Records of the offices of Controller of Insurance and Labour Commissioner to guide them in Record Management Programme.

Shri I.B.Roy, Archivist, went to Calcutta in order to search the papers pertaining to the demographic studies and Amini Commission Report (1770 A.D.) among the Bengal Revenue Consultations.

In connection with the work of Towards Freedom Project Shri P.K.Ghosh and Shri S.Sarkar, Archivist were deputed to Calcutta to select material available at the West Bengal State Archives and the Home Department of the Government of West Bengal.

SWARBICA

The South and West Asian Regional Branch of the International Council on Archives was inaugurated by Professor S.Nurul Hasan, Union Minister for Education and Social Welfare on 11.12.1976 to promote the archival development in the region through cooperative efforts.